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Semi-final place in The Voice for Becky

MIDLAND teenage singing sensation Becky Hill has secured a place in this weekend's semi-finals of TV show The Voice.

The 18-year-old from Bewdley was put through to the next round of the BBC competition by her coach Jessie J – despite swearing on stage in frustration at forgetting her words in the live show.

The A-level music and arts student performed an energetic rendition of Seven Nation Army by American rock band The White Stripes on Saturday's live show.

But when she appeared to forget her lines she mouthed a swear word in frustration.

Despite the slip-up she received lavish praise from the coaches.

The Script star Danny O'Donoghue said he would duet with her.

Tom Jones told her not to strain her voice and said: "She always does enough for me. She's on fire. She takes it to the extreme."

And Jessie J said: "Becky you are a great performer because of your tone, your energy and your stage presence."

Becky works weekends at the Cock and Magpie pub in Bewdley.

She and the other seven contestants left in the show will perform at the LG Arena in Birmingham on September 19.

Get steamed up on poetry

BUDDING poets can get steamed up and wax lyrical as Black Country Living Museum launches a competition to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Newcomen Engine.

Any form of poetry is acceptable but poems are limited to 40 lines.

There are three categories: children aged up to 11 years; young people aged between 12 and 18; and adults aged 19 and over. The closing date for entries will be Friday 22nd June 2012.

CLIENTS IN LIMBO AS LEGAL FIRM IS CLOSED

CONCERNED customers fear they could be left in limbo for months following the sudden closure of a chain of solicitors.

More than 150 clients have sought advice after Stables & Company's premises in Stourbridge, Halesowen and Rowley Regis were closed by legal watchdog The Solicitors Regulation Authority.

The partners in the firm were declared bankrupt and the regulators are now investigating the firm's business.

But they have admitted it could be months before the probe is completed and all parties affected have been contacted.

Customers say they had not been told the firm had closed.

Many of them are pensioners with wills and house deeds at the firm.

Urgent

SRA spokesman Lee Shrimpton said: "Our investigators are now working through the documents we have taken possession of and will get in contact with the most urgent cases that need addressing."

"It could be a few months before the investigation is complete and we have an idea of how many people are affected."

Percy Harrington, aged 69, of Red Lion Close, Tivdale, said: "I would have thought that in this situation we would have been informed – we just read about it and wondered what to do next."

The retired bricklayer and his wife Maureen contacted the SRA and were told to send photocopies of their passports.

John Adams, 75, is in the middle of selling his house in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, and is concerned the transaction could fall

through as Stables still have his deeds.

The father-of-two, who is a retired carpenter, plans to move into a smaller flat but was waiting for the deal on his house to go through beforehand.

He said: "It has taken me six months to find a buyer and now I'm worried it could all go back to square one. I just can't believe there was no warning."

"I'm concerned now that I could have to wait a long time while this is all sorted."

The offices in Stourbridge and Halesowen high streets and Rowley Regis have all been closed.

Partners David Moore, Nigel Jordan and Jessica Bird were all declared bankrupt on April 30 and their practising certificates were then suspended by the SRA.

Mr Shrimpton said the SRA had intervened as there was "reason to suspect dishonesty on the part of one of the former employees".

He added it was necessary to "protect the interests of clients – or former or potential clients – of the partners or the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust which they are or were trustee".

Anyone concerned should call SRA-appointed solicitor Marion Vesey on 01623 423073.

Report by Adam Burling

Jackie sets pace for Olympic honour



Jackie Webb, from Wall Heath, looks forward to taking part in the Olympic Torch Relay

A STOURBRIDGE woman who was nominated to be an Olympic torch-bearer by her very proud husband said she overwhelmed to be given the honour.

Jackie Webb, aged 54, will carry the torch through Bewdley on Thursday, and will be cheered on by her family and friends.

The grandmother-of-one and mother-of-three was nominated for the honour by her husband Bill, because she had embarked on a health kick which has both changed her life forever and will inspire others.

The diabetes nurse manager who works at Heartlands Hospital in Birmingham had her own health scare two years ago. She was told by doctors she had high blood pressure and needed to lose weight.

She said: "I was given medication, I stopped smoking and started to eat healthily but thought I needed to do something else as well, so I joined the NHS touch rugby team."

Since joining the team Mrs Webb's lifestyle has changed dramatically, she now exercises at least six times a week, through the touch rugby, pilates and she has her own gym in her home. She has also lost a stone in weight, and dropped two dress sizes from a size 18 to a 14. Mrs Webb of Barnett Lane said: "I don't think I have done as much as the other torch-bearers, but I suppose I show people that you can turn things around, and can address health problems like high blood pressure with small changes."

Speaker Bercow to give talk at school

THE SPEAKER of the House of Commons John Bercow MP will visit Stourbridge to deliver the Frank Foley lecture.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has organised the event to remember the man described as the 'British Schindler'.

Frank Foley was an MI6 agent during WWII who used his position as a passport control officer to help hundreds of Jews escape Nazi Germany.

He provided papers to allow them to escape.

He also forged passports, sheltered people in his own home and even visited concentration camps to free inmates himself.

Following his retirement he moved to Stourbridge where he lived in anonymity until his death in 1958.

The Speaker is expected to pay tribute to his work and to speak more widely about the importance of speaking out against racism and extremism.

The lecture will be held at Oldswinford Hospital school in Hagley Road on Friday between 1pm-2.20pm.

Members of the public who wish to attend should contact Dudley North MP Ian Austin's office on 01834 342 504 or austini@parliament.uk

Mr Austin said: "I launched this lecture series to honour Frank Foley's memory."

Swimming pool opens

STOURBRIDGE's swimming pool is back open after being closed for five days due to a mechanical fault.

Engineers were able to trace the problem to a filter in a pump unit in the leisure pool at Crystal Leisure Centre in Bell Street.

A new unit was installed and the pool re-opened after being thoroughly tested by workers.

Bosses were able to re-open it on Saturday morning.

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Traders step in to rescue dance group

THE FUTURE of a long-running children's dance group has been secured after kind-hearted shopkeepers rallied round to provide vital cash to keep it running.

Fantasy Dance Group, based in Stourbridge, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year but it was struggling to keep afloat after funding dried up. Only enough cash remained to cover insurance costs for the year with a little more left to stage a few classes.

But organiser Sylvia Horton was "absolutely delighted" after local firms stepped in to help.

Bosses at Mr Brown's Greens and the Pedmore Fish Bar, both on the Queensway, agreed to help cover the £30 a week costs for hiring out Hob Green Primary School for the classes.

And staff at the Queensway Pub said they would provide the pop for the weekly meetings again saving money for the group.

Cash for the group is also being provided by John's Butchers and bosses from the Spar store.

Mrs Horton, who launched the dance group while recovering from cancer, said around 50 youngsters attended regularly.

Other businesses have also agreed to give money for raffle prizes.

Affordable

The dance group also works to raise money for charities in the area.

Mrs Horton said: "We only ask the children to pay £2.20 because the main aim of the group is that it is affordable for families in the area," she said.

"Once you have taken the hiring costs and the refreshments out of it there is not a lot left to go in the kitty. In the past we have been able to rely on grants but due to the economic situation many of these have dried up and we were really up against it.

"The response we have received from the shopkeepers in the area has really choked me up. It means so much to the dance group and we are all very grateful."

Mrs Horton said the group hoped to stage dance events in the area as a thank you to all the businesses for supporting them.



Celebrating outside the shops in Pedmore are Alan Brown, Chris Fox, Sam Moore and Sat Singh with, front, Sylvia Horton from the group and Kevin Williams

Motorist on phone given ban

Police followed a motorist they saw at the wheel of his van while using his mobile phone and then watched him "lose patience" and drive along a pavement to get past a line of traffic, a court heard.

Roger Hulbert, aged 44, of Stammermill Close, Lye, failed to turn up before Dudley magistrates, either to make a plea or to be sentenced.

He was convicted at an earlier hearing of using a mobile phone while driving and driving without due care.

He was fined a total of £950, banned from the road for 12 months and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said police saw Hulbert using his phone as he drove into Hawne Lane, Halesowen, and followed him.

He said Hulbert was driving over the speed limit.

New business is winner of award

A BUSINESS in Hagley, near Stourbridge, has been highly commended in property industry awards.

Contact Counts, which was formed in September, was nominated in the best new technology category of the Property Drum Business to Business Awards for its online property tracking system. It was started by Richard and Emma Dalton.

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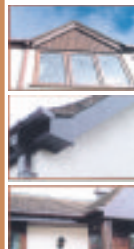
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Sarah's ready to leg it to Sahara for charity funds

A STOURBRIDGE grandmother will lace up her walking boots for a trek across the Sahara Desert to raise more than £1,000 for charity.

Sarah Hollies, of Wollaston, will set out on the epic journey on November 4 and is training to build up her stamina for the challenge.

The London Midland worker decided on the trip to raise cash for the Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity but wanted to go somewhere different than usual walking challenges.

The 52-year-old will be joined on the trek by an old school friend, who now lives in Majorca.

She is being supported by her family and friends and has already raised nearly £1,000 which will be donated to the charity.

Fitness

Sarah has paid for the trip herself so all of the money people raise will be donated straight to the charity rather than some going on travel costs.

She has already completed walks of more than 16-miles across the area in preparation for the challenge and plans to continue the fitness in the coming months.

People who would like to sponsor Sarah are asked to log on to her website at www.justgiving.co/sarah-sahara

She said: "I have wanted to do something like this for a long time but everyone does places like the Great Wall of China or Mount Kilimanjaro.

"I wanted to go somewhere a little bit different and I think the Sahara Desert certainly qualifies.

"The trek itself will take five-days to complete and I am really looking forward to it.

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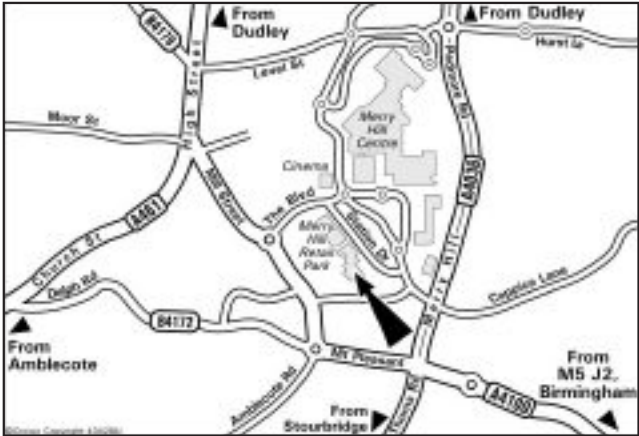
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Economy is blamed for sudden closure of gym

Comedy festival date



Landlord Mike Cartwright with Stourbridge comedian Frankie Peoples

RISING comedy stars and regular TV and stand up performers will take to the stage at a new three-night comedy festival in the Black Country this summer.

Regular Mock the Week guest comic Andi Osho and Keith Farnan are among those appearing at the Stourbridge Comedy Festival between July 20 and 22. On July 20, Keith Farnan and Vikki Stone are at

Stourbridge FC's Glassboys bar, in Amblecote High Street, at 7.15pm. The Mitre pub, in Stourbridge's Lower High Street, plays host to Chris Ramsey and Daniel Sloss on July 21, at 5.15pm. Andi Osho will headline at the River Rooms, in Mill Race Lane, on July 22, at 7pm. Tickets cost £14 with full festival tickets £36. Visit www.comedyhut.org

A GYM in Stourbridge has closed without warning after nearly 17 years – with owners blaming the “current economic climate”.

Members arriving at the “ladies only” Miss-Fits in Lower High Street, Stourbridge were upset when they were greeted by a notice on the door saying the gym had shut down.

It comes after another Miss-Fits gym in Kingswinford closed last December.

A notice on the door of the gym said: “It is with much sadness that Miss-Fits Stourbridge has had no choice but to close its doors after almost 17 years.

Sadly like many other businesses we find ourselves victims of the current economic climate.

Support

“Thank you for all your loyal support over the last 16 and a half years and for contributing to making the gym a pleasure to both own and work at.”

The message adds that staff “will miss you all and wish you every happiness with your future fitness goals.”

Members were today cancelling their standing orders for membership of around £31 a month at the club.

Member Sandra Beresford, aged 42, of Kingswinford, arrived on Monday morning to find the gym was locked up.

She said: “It’s a shame because it was a nice gym and everyone was always really friendly.”

Bands in UK tour

TWO Stourbridge bands are embarking on a UK tour in December.

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To Ted it's so much more than just a paper round

As we celebrate Local Newspaper Week we talk to Ted Adams about his weekly Chronicle round

TO MOST people doing a paper round may seem like a normal everyday activity. But for teenager Ted Adams, who three years ago was diagnosed with a brain tumour, it's far more than that.

Now aged 15, Ted underwent two major operations at Birmingham Children's Hospital and received proton radiotherapy treatment in America.

The Royal Wolverhampton School pupil has since received three positive brain scans and, as part of his bid to lead as normal a life as possible, took up a paper round delivering The Chronicle last October.

Prayer

Ted is just one of the many delivery boys and girls throughout the region who, whatever the weather, take the news to your door.

Ted gives up two hours of his time to deliver 170 newspapers every Friday, as well as the Wolverhampton Magazine once a month, around Penn Common.

"I hadn't really thought about doing something like this but when the opportunity came up I thought it'd be great," Ted said.

"It makes me feel independent as I make money from it and it's good to do normal things like this after the problems I had."

Ted is sitting his GCSEs and hopes to study catering at Wolverhampton College.

Ted's parents Ashleigh and David said seeing their son do the paper round meant a lot to them. "It is every prayer answered that Ted is strong and well and able to do a paper



Off on his round – Ted with his proud mother Ashleigh

round," Ashleigh said. "It keeps him fit, gives him responsibility, teaches a good work ethic and he enjoys earning a bit of money which gives him a sense of independence."

"It's also given him confidence and that's been really important. For us it is far more than just delivering papers – it represents Ted leading a normal teenage life."

Local Newspaper Week is an ideal opportunity time for us to pay tribute to all the hard-working boys and girls who take our news to the door every week.

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Gina loves her Chronicle fix

SHE is a community person who knows all there is to know about Wolverhampton, but Gina Parker isn't happy unless she's had her weekly Chronicle fix.

The Finchfield resident has been reading the paper for as long as she can remember and said it fitted in with her fervent passion for the city.

Gina used to work at Boulton Paul and as a teacher at Sandwell College, and is an active community resident.

Information

"I'm very passionate about Wolverhampton – I've lived here all my life and if you chopped my legs off it'd say Wolverhampton all the way through," she said. "I think the Chronicle represents the city very well. There is so much to learn about



Gina enjoys her weekly read

in Wolverhampton and there are lots of local activities you don't necessarily get to hear about unless you see it in the paper. I see things I might not have seen otherwise. It might only be a small piece but it's enough to give the information that it's out there."

Gina said she looked forward to her Chronicle particularly for the Memory Lane feature.

WHERE CHRONICLES GO

Publication	Distribution /Circulation	Readership
Wolverhampton Chronicle	57,560	85,615
Dudley Chronicle	39,653	59,201
Halesowen Chronicle	28,773	48,897
Kidderminster Chronicle	31,294	42,543
Stourbridge Chronicle	40,827	62,442
Walsall Chronicle	52,773	83,012
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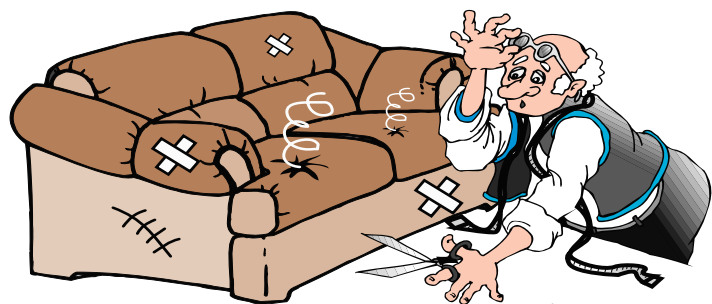
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Walking to school is far better

I READ with interest the letter of George Morris relating to his perception that the sale of ice cream and soft drinks and the likes, outside school gates might be a contributory factor in the increased incidence of obesity in schoolchildren.

In the dim and distant past when I, fell into that category, we too used to partake of the occasional treat of an ice-cream after school, though I have to say most of my school friends and I were as sleek as whippets.

I can't help wondering if this was perhaps the result of the daily walk to and from school. Mr Morris berates the

fact the queues of children at the ice-cream vans positioned at the roadside help to block the footpath to pedestrians, many of whom are pushing prams, push-chairs etc.

I would respectfully suggest the blockage caused by a few children at the ice-cream van is of no import when weighed against the horrendous traffic jams, all too often caused by the mothers, and yes, sometimes even by the fathers who insist on transporting their children a matter of no more than a few hundred yards to the school gates in huge 4x4s, vans, and on a couple of occasions, at a local school, even the odd

lorry or two. Yes, it was much safer to allow children to walk alone to school in my day, but I can't help thinking that the walk to and from school would benefit not only the children but the parents as well.

It is a well-known fact, exercise and diet combined are the two factors that control the relentless onslaught of obesity, and I feel sure, if today's kids made the journey to and from school on foot, their health would improve tremendously, even as their weight tumbled in tandem with it.

B PARSONS,
Coseley

Cameron must wake up to poll drubbing

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE that Cameron has not realised why the Conservatives have done so badly in the local elections.

At the last general election no-one voted for a coalition government, it was not presented as a choice for obvious reasons.

Cameron's decision to throw in his lot with the Liberals means now a Conservative vote is a vote for the coalition.

Therefore, on May 3rd disillusioned Tory voters either did not vote or placed their vote elsewhere.

Dudley's chief councillor, (Conservative) Les Jones did his party no favours by his recent support for the ridiculous high salaries paid to council chiefs.

The message to the arrogant David Cameron is clear.
M DEEMING,
Kingswinford

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Reunion is organised for all folk from flats

I WAS wondering if you may be able to help me in any way to trace 3 or 4 generations of families who lived in the Iconic Complex known as St Martin's Flats in Birmingham. The Flats were built in 1935 and demolished in 1981 and had the distinction of being opened by Her Majesty the Queen.

While searching for former residents it has been brought to my attention that several families had re-located to all the areas your publications cover including Cannock, Dudley, Halesowen, Kiddy, Sandwell, Stourbridge, Walsall and Wolverhampton. It was a friendly community that attracted many friends like a magnet.

Several friends and I are organising a reunion on 21st July 2012 and we are hoping to contact anyone who ever lived in the flats, worked in the area or attended the local schools including St Albans Secondary Modern C of E.

We can be contacted on the Facebook site "Old Highgate-nians" or by ringing 07516698297.

DEREK BREEZE,
Stourton Close,
Sutton Coldfield.

Council is in spotlight

MP MARGOT James' comments that the poor election results for the Tories were all caused by national factors, is only partly true.

Councillor Les Jones' statement that council services have been maintained is nonsense.

Just look at the facts. Brierley Hill and Coseley baths shut down and public toilets closed across the borough. A truly, embarrassing attempt to obtain city status. I could go on.

PETER SIMPSON,
Dudley.

Thanks for help
THANKS to anyone who stopped to help scoop up my Nana when she slipped down the subway steps at the bus station, in Stourbridge.

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Dana and chapel Projects Co-ordinator Val Woodhouse

All kinds of everything

IRISH singing star Dana delighted a Lye audience when she made her second trip to the chapel venue.

The performer, who won the competition as an 18-year-old in 1970, was at Bethel Chapel last week for an evening of music and chat.

She held the 120-strong audience spellbound with performances of her classic hits and some newer material which was warmly received by the crowd.

And the evening would not have been complete without a performance of the Eurovision song which made her name All Kinds of Everything.

Speaking before the sell-out event, the 60-year-old revealed she had planned to quit singing to become a music teacher before competing in the Eurovision event.

"I had taken part in the national competition in 1969 and had come second. I was so nervous during that event I actually prayed I wouldn't win," she said.

"I was so worked up I just thought I can't be doing with

this. I had planned to become a music teacher instead.

"However the producer of the show remembered me and later got in touch saying there was a song he thought would be perfect for me.

"It was All Kinds of Everything. When I performed it at the national competition I thought that would be my swan song.

"However I was chosen and went on to win. After that I never looked back."

Opportunity

And the singer said she would consider stepping up once again to represent her country if asked.

"Every time I say I'll never do something I end up doing it so I have learned never to say never and take every opportunity as it comes," she said.

She told the audience she was thrilled that music legend Engelbert Humperdinck will represent the UK in Eurovision this weekend, describing him as a classy singer with a classy song.



Singer Dana entertains at Bethel Chael, Hill Street, Lye, for one night

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Patriotic quilt is proving popular



Linda Thornton, of Stourbridge, who has made a Union flag Land of Hope and Glory quilt

A UNION Flag quilt created by a Midland grandmother has proved a surprise hit with sewing fans across the globe.

Linda Thornton, of Stourton, near Stourbridge, has sold the pattern to fellow quilters in the UK and requests have come from as far afield as the USA and Japan.

Mrs Thornton, aged 59, was first asked to make the quilt by her 38-year-old son Mick to use on his regular camping trips.

She expected a Union Flag pattern to be readily available in shops but was unable to find one. Undeterred, Mrs Thornton decided to make a pattern of her own sewing the quilt together over a period of around two months.

"My friends saw the quilt and wanted to make one of their own so I made the pattern available and it has really all sprung from there," she said. "I decided to sell the pattern, called Land of Hope and Glory, and it has been really successful."

The pattern is being sold on ebay and more details are available at www.new-wood-farm.co.uk

Screening is at risk

BREAST screening appointments may have to be cancelled due to a technical fault in a mobile unit at a Black Country hospital.

The facility at the Corbett Hospital in Stourbridge could not be used last week.

Some 17 appointments during the rest of the day had to be cancelled.

But women were offered an alternative same-day screening at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

Bosses say the unit is not likely to be fixed until Tuesday morning at the earliest.

Paula Clark chief executive of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Women whose scans had to be cancelled as a result were offered an alternative same day examination at Russells Hall Hospital or the opportunity to re-book an appointment at Corbett Hospital once the scanner is in working order."

Plea on cats from mayor

THE MAYOR of Dudley has urged the community to get behind an animal charity when he visited its shop.

Councillor Michael Evans dropped in on the Stourbridge outlet of Cats Protection in Lower High Street to meet volunteers as part of the national Choose Charity Shops campaign.

He said: "I'd urge local people to donate unwanted items or clean second hand goods to the shop as part of the campaign."

"The Cats Protection branch provides an essential adoption service for unwanted cats and donating items will help them to continue and hopefully expand their vital cat welfare work."

Rob Hall, branch co-ordinator, said: "We are very grateful to the mayor and his consort for visiting us to appeal for, and receive, donations of items."

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Gallstones patient, 82, died after procedure

A WOMAN with a history of gallstones died after complications resulting from a procedure to help relieve the condition, an inquest heard.

Olive Beech, 82, had been treated in the past for gallstones but was diagnosed with a blockage resulting from a stone last December.

Surgical teams at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital performed an ERCP which uses an endoscope to help see inside the digestive system to diagnose blockages.

But after the procedure a tear was found in the tissue of her throat.

Mrs Beech, of White Harte Caravan Park, in Kinver, had other medical complications and died on January 18 this

year. At her inquest yesterday coroner Robin Balmain said Mrs Beech had died a "natural death".

He recorded her death as due to known but rare complications of an exploratory procedure appropriately executed.

He said: "Any procedure carries risks."

Dr Fisher said the tear was discovered eight hours after the procedure.

Pathologist Dr Kenneth Scott gave the medical cause of death as bronchopneumonia with contributing factors of a parapharyngeal abscess and perforation of the pharynx. He said congestive cardiac failure also played a part in her death.

Three hospice jobs to go as part of £100,000 cuts

JOBS are being cut at a Black Country hospice as part of plans to save £100,000, it has been revealed.

Three members of clinical staff are leaving Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge through voluntary redundancy but bosses insist the care patients receive will not be affected. Chief executive Peter Holliday today said the cost-saving was "vital".

He added: "If we didn't take these measures there would not have been a

hospice in the future". The hospice, which costs £2.2 million a year to run and employs 70 staff, is looking to cut at least £100,000 in the coming months.

Mr Holliday said savings would also have to be made in other areas, though he did not think more jobs would be lost.

Warned

But he warned that the hospice had been spending too much in recent years and was having to cut back to make ends meet.

He said: "The hospice is no different to

any other organisation in the current climate. We can see a robust future for the hospice but we need to go through a process to balance expenditure with income. Patient services have not been balanced with the income of the hospice for some years and it can't continue to run at a deficit."

Mr Holliday said patients would still receive the same care but the system of working and assigning jobs to workers was being changed.

The hospice has been hit by a drop in donations.

New store for bargains

A NEW shop has opened offering cash for people's unwanted clothes, books and metals.

The Reclamation Centre in Two Woods Lane, Brierley Hill, has been set up by Andrew Jones. He said: "I love going to antique fairs and car boots. With experience in recycling, I've witnessed the one man's trash is another man's treasure many times over."

"My aim was to have a reclamation centre in a customer friendly environment which will attract home and garden enthusiasts looking for bargains."

Many-stringed Bev



National over-70s racketball champion and rock guitarist Bev Pegg at his Hagley home

GRANDFATHER Bev Pegg is in swinging good form after becoming national over 70s racketball champion — and now he has swapped his racket for a guitar to go on stage with his Cowboy band at Hagley Community Centre to raise money for rotary.

"I had my racket restrung just before the tournament, which must have helped," said the ex-Black Country company boss, who turned 70 in October. "I suppose one could say it's springtime in Hagley, stringtime in Hagley and swingtime in Hagley." Bev, who ran his family's firm, Cradley Castings in Mill Street, Cradley, from 1964 until it closed in 2002.

Bev, who has five grandchildren and lives with his wife, Sheena, in Woodchester, Hagley, took up racketball in 1990. He is also a member of Stourbridge Tennis Club.

Scout leaders reach their peak for funds

FIVE leaders from a scout group completed the Three Peaks Challenge by climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in less than 24 hours.

The members of Hagley Rambler Scout Group raised £1,250 for Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge.

Dave Sheppard, Afak Rehman, Jon Halloran, Michael Higgs, and Richard Evans visited the hospice to hand over the cheque.

The scout group is celebrating its centenary this year. The leaders look after more than 110 children in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

Janet Jones, hospice head of fundraising said: "The leaders who took up this challenge have set a brilliant example to the groups they look after and we very much appreciate being chosen as one of their charities."

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Residents in misery over work on street's revamp

Sundeep's charity joy



Sundeep Kaur, 26, will be travelling the globe as part of her placement

A VOLUNTEER from Kingswinford is travelling the globe after winning a four-month work placement with her favourite charity.

Sundeep Kaur has been working as a project leader for UNITED SIKHS and has already visited Africa and India.

The 26-year-old said she was "loving" working for the charity

which has also given her the opportunity to visit 10 Downing Street for a reception with Prime Minister David Cameron.

She said: "I feel blessed to have been given this opportunity to be able to work with UNITED SIKHS. The charity has truly made a difference to people's lives not only in the UK but across the world."

A £900,000 revamp of Kinver High Street is continuing to cause misery for residents and shops, more than a year after work was completed, traders say.

Businesses today said their fight to get chicanes, placed along the busy road as part of the project, removed had "not been put to bed".

And they remain hopeful that Staffordshire County Council will take action after villagers won a reduction in some of the measures following a campaign last year.

Traders said the changes, including the removal of some of the chicanes, had not gone far enough and there were still constant problems being experienced along the route.

Shopkeepers said the road still became congested at delivery times as there was no space for lorries to pull in to drop off goods.

And they said some drivers were still becoming confused over who has the right of way along the route, leading to an increased risk of accidents.

Trader Sarah Jolly, of The Butchery, said: "Even after all this time, we are still experiencing problems with the road layout."

Problems

"Delivery days are an absolute nightmare. There is just no room for the lorries to manoeuvre, and it leads to problems along the High Street. We are continuing to battle on. This is certainly not a fight which has been put to bed."

"We are hoping the county council will take on board what is being said and remove some of these measures from along the route."

Hundreds of people sent in their views on the redevelopment last year calling for a reduction in measures on the road.

Some of the chicanes were taken out and others reduced in size by the county council but traders say it is not enough to prevent the problems.

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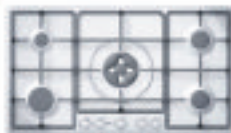


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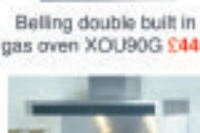
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Roadshow appeal for foster families

ROADSHOWS are being held in the Black Country and Staffordshire to attract more foster parents.

Foster Care Fortnight is being organised to help deal with a shortfall in carers across the Midlands region.

In Staffordshire a further 65 foster families need to be found over the next three years to give children a loving, stable and caring home.

Staffordshire County Council's fostering team is holding several events including the 'Reggie' promotional bus which will tour the county to give people the chance to talk to foster carers and social workers about the support available from the county council.

Training

Anyone interested in fostering is being urged to go along to find out more about the professional fee, child allowances, family social groups and the training available.

Foster Care Fortnight, which runs until Sunday (27), is the annual awareness campaign run by the Fostering Network to raise the profile of fostering and highlight the need for more foster carers. Details on www.care4child.org, or by texting 'FOSTER' to 60003.

Store boss wants to be put in picture over Royal photos

WHEN Debbie Eggerton was helping clear out an old office at Beatties she had no idea she would uncover a piece of national history.

Hidden under piles of books and papers was a cardboard folder containing dozens of photos of the Queen's Coronation in June 1953. Now Debbie is trying to solve the mystery of how the store came to have the photos, and what they were used for.

"It's not clear whether they were going to be sold in the store, or shown to the public as part of the celebrations," says Debbie, store manager at Beatties, in Victoria Street, Wolverhampton.

"We have been doing a tidying exercise in the offices at the store and when we started clearing out one room we discovered this folder on a shelf. It must have been there for a number of years.

Negatives

"We have asked a number of people, including members of the Beatties family, if they know where the pictures came from and no-one has a clue - but maybe someone at the store was able to get hold of some negatives and create their own prints."

A few of the photos have duplicates where the negative was re-used in a bid to create sharper images.

The prints also still smell of developing fluid meaning it could have been an in-house team at the store which created the photos.

Debbie says: "All the women in the photos looked regal and beautiful - when you look at every picture you feel like you could be behind the lens. Our plan is to get the pictures framed and



All smiles for the Queen at the service



The new Queen greets her subjects at the Palace



The formal royal procession at Westminster Abbey



Debbie Eggerton and pictures

Mystery surrounds pictures of the Queen's Coronation which have been discovered during a clean-up at Beatties department store. CATHY SPENCER reports

put them on display in our Heritage Room for people to look at during the Diamond Jubilee."

After the Coronation the Queen visited Wolverhampton in May 1962 and some of the former workers at Beatties remember when she went past the store in her carriage.

Two of the people working in Beatties at that time were Mary Boddy, aged 91, and Anne Sharples, 75. Mary was in charge of catering at the department store and says: "People were getting excited about it for days beforehand and when the word went around that she

had arrived in Wolverhampton it was more thrilling than a Beatties sale - and we had some good sales in those days."

"Mr Beattie gave us permission to go outside and wave as she went past in her carriage. Most of us poured out onto the street."

Anne was working in accounts at the store and says the streets of Wolverhampton were filled with people who were hoping to see the Queen. She said: "In the offices we were able to lean out of the windows and watch her go past in her carriage - I remember looking down the street and seeing crowds of people

craning their necks to get a better view."

"The Queen's Coronation really sticks out for me as I was only 17 at the time and had been working in Beatties for two years."

"My family got their first black and white TV, and we struggled to buy one as they were in big demand so people could watch the Coronation."

Anne, who now lives in Wombourne, says "Seeing the pictures of the Coronation has brought a lot of memories back as I remember seeing her on television and thinking how beautiful she looked."

Total of jobless in shock fall of 45,000

A SURPRISE fall in the UK jobless total has provided some rare good news for the Coalition Government.

Unemployment fell by 45,000 to 2.63 million in the three months to March, and in the West Midlands it was down by 19,000 to 228,000.

Job queues were shorter in Wolverhampton, where those claiming jobseeker's allowance fell by 246 to 12,108, or 7.9 per cent of the city's working population - nearly twice the national rate of four per cent.

Unemployment is now at its lowest since last summer, while a dip in the number of people nationally claiming the dole has fallen for the second month in a row by 13,700 to 1.59 million - the biggest drop since July 2010.

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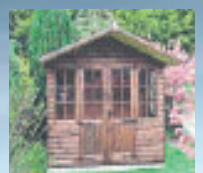
Nationally the number of people in work increased by 105,000 to almost 30 million, but this was due to a rise in part-time workers.

Almost eight million people are now in a part-time job, the highest since records began in 1992, while those working part-time because they cannot find full-time work increased by 73,000 to a record high of 1.4 million. Self-employment has also reached a record figure of 4.1 million.

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Hot celebrations for restaurant's 30th



Mayor of Dudley, councillor Michael Evans, at the anniversary meal with owner Noor Miah and guests

THE DILSHAD restaurant, in Oldswinford, Stourbridge, recently hosted a special anniversary party to celebrate 30 successful years in the town.

The family-run business, established in 1982, celebrated its landmark on May 1.

Diners included family, friends and special guest for the evening was the Mayor of Dudley, councillor Michael Evans, who praised owner Mr Noor Miah on the continued success of the restaurant – particularly in such a difficult economic climate. A film crew was there from Sky Asian 4.

The evening was declared a great success with more than

80 people in attendance and authentic Bangladeshi and Indian cuisine served up throughout the evening as a thank you for such loyal customer support.

Although the evening was to mark 30 years in business, the restaurant has more reasons to celebrate. It has received a three-star rating from Dudley Council Health and Safety; been named Stourbridge Chronicle Restaurant of the year 2009 and 2011, as voted by the readers and was also short listed for best Indian restaurant in the Midlands four-star at the Asian Curry Awards 2011, among its many accolades.

Glass delay 'no setback'

COUNCIL chiefs have insisted that the latest delay to a long-awaited £5 million glass museum in the Black Country is not a setback to the project.

The start of work on the old Stuart Crystal site in Stourbridge will not start until next year as funding has not yet been confirmed.

Developers are applying for a £2 million European grant for the attraction, which will house the region's collections.

But they must find the remainder of the cash from other sources – includ-

ing the Heritage Lottery and the European Regional Development Fund.

Dudley Council bosses say they are confident the project will go ahead.

John Polychronakis, Chief Executive of Dudley Council, said: "Obtaining grants from ERDF and HLF is never easy or straightforward but, with the support of our partners, we are resolute in trying to secure the necessary funding for this project in order to build a wonderful new glass museum or our world famous collection." A fundraising drive has been

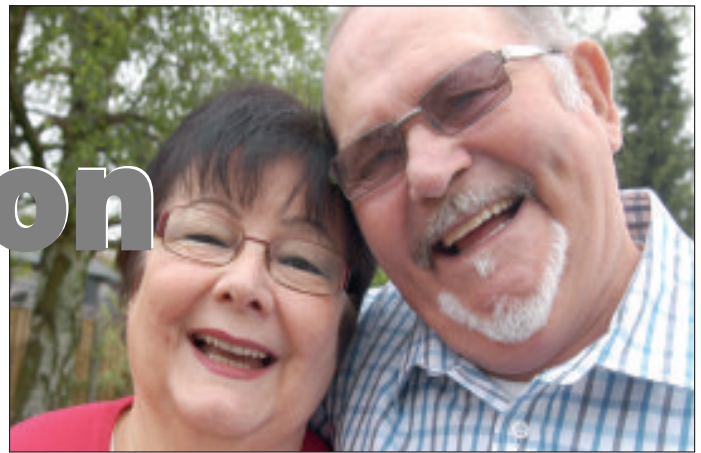
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Spokesman Graham Fisher said: "We are hopeful therefore that we will soon be in a position to report that funding has been secured for the first phase of the creation of the new museum. It is a tedious fact of life that such projects inevitably take longer than predicted and unfortunately we can have no control over the speed of progress being made, but be assured we will continue to give support in every way we can."

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Clive's transformation

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A Navy nightmare is finally overcome by the power of creative dentistry

Suction solution

A CUTTING-EDGE development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is now available.

Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) says the invention has the potential to improve the life quality of those experiencing long-term problems with ill-fitting teeth. The Ultra Suction teeth are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices.

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THE work of the Denture Clinic has found satisfied customers from as far away as Spain. Its hand-crafted dentures, made in laboratories on the premises, are known for their natural look. Clinic principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng), says: "I remain passionate about resolving denture problems and for many, quality, traditional dentures can bring about hugely effective results."

CLIVE was so afraid of the dentist he plucked up all of his courage and begged him to extract all of his teeth so that he'd never have problems ever again.

That was more than 20 years ago, but what the retired sales director didn't know was that his tooth troubles were far from over.

Following the extractions dentures were fitted and he no problems for a few years. It was a welcome break from the pain he had experienced and the catalogue of dental disasters he had endured.

But the natural ageing process began to take its toll and Clive experienced stability problems with the lower denture as his gums receded. For five years he endured the embarrassment of dentures, sore spots on his gums and denying himself some of his favourite foods. "It took real determination to face up to the problem and the prospect of more dental work."

Clive recalls his first dental nightmare: Stationed at Malta while in the Royal Navy, he suddenly had raging toothache the night before he was due to play in a football match.

"I'd been drinking to dull the pain but as soon as I was back on board the duty dentists was summoned. He'd been drinking too and when he injected me with the anaesthetic he broke the needle.

"I eventually had to have an X-ray so he could find where the needle was. That was me finished. I'd do anything to avoid the dentist from there on."

In recent years Clive has had four den-

ture relines to help the stability issues, but none provided a long-term solution.

Flashing his new smile and laughing heartily, Clive adds: "Things were so bad that if I turned to the right my teeth would still be facing forward.

"I can't stress how big a deal it was for me to get things sorted. I was terrified, so when I saw a piece in the paper about Steven Burchell and suction denture technology, I agreed to see him."

Clive's gum erosion was too severe for the suction system to work effectively and he decided to have implant-retained dentures. He was referred by Mr Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng), whose Denture Clinic is based at the Parkdale Dental Clinic in Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, and North Street, Dudley, to implantologist Mr

Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc. Mr Pugh, principal of the Parkdale practice, carried out the surgery and the prosthetics were hand-crafted by Mr Burchell.

Clive recalls the procedure. "I was dreading it, but all I felt was a sensation that Mr Pugh was rubbing my gums." Clive's wife, Margaret, adds: "It's true! I was allowed to sit in with Clive. We were both treated excellently."

Since having the implant-retained dentures, Clive has been able to bite into crispy apples and indulge himself with pork crackling. "I feel comfortable and confident, it's the best money I've ever spent and have recommended both Steve and Jon to friends."

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From Dragons' Den to monster business role

Tree marks countdown



Owen Andrews and Mayor Michael Evans plant an oak tree at Dawley Brook Primary School watched by teachers, guests and other pupils

CHILDREN dug deep to mark the countdown to the London Olympics by planting an oak tree in honour of the games' forefathers.

An English Oak will take pride of place in the grounds of Dawley Brook Primary School in Kingswinford, following the ceremony attended by pupils, staff and digni-

taries. Dawley Brook was chosen in its dual role as an Olympic legacy school and also for its eco-school status. Head Angela Allen today said the special project marked a lasting milestone in the school's history.

"We are very, very proud to have been part of this."

A MIDLANDS businessman who quit his day job after wowing tycoons on Dragons' Den has been drafted in by Business Secretary Vince Cable to help launch a new scheme for entrepreneurs.

The "Breaking Down the Barriers to Entrepreneurship" project was launched at the House of Commons with the aim of helping small businesses expand.

Neil Westwood, who grew up in Kingswinford, secured a £100,000 investment from Dragons Theo Paphitis and Deborah Meaden when he pitched the idea of his Magic Whiteboard on the BBC show in 2008.

He was one of 70 businesses invited to the event, where a report into how entrepreneurs can be helped was unveiled.

Encouraging

Mr Westwood said: "I supported the recommendation for encouraging a more enterprise culture in schools and encouraged more businesses to get involved in talking to schools to inspire students to set up new businesses."

Mr Westwood, a father-of-two, runs the business from his Worcester home.

Deals with Ryman, Viking Direct and Office Depot have seen their creation - reusable, portable sheets which can be stuck to any hard surface to form a whiteboard - hit the shelves throughout the country.

Firm plans move

A CONSTRUCTION firm hopes to relocate to Stourbridge under plans to expand its operations.

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The Saddlers fan who made Britney a star

The Future Is In The History – Steve Jenkins (Anchor, paperback, £25)

A PASSION for soul and pop music took Steve Jenkins from Walsall to California and the top of the music business.

He helped create hits for acts ranging from Kylie Minogue to The Stone Roses, helped get Britney Spears a record deal and counts soul singer Billy Ocean and producer Peter Waterman among his closest friends. He has had a hand in an incredible 260 platinum, gold or silver discs.

And it all began at a coffee bar in Walsall town centre in the 1960s when he became bewitched by the sound of Tamla Motown.

His school days at Joseph Leckie were a disaster, partly due to home problems caused by his parents' ill health, and he wasn't satisfied selling cars in Birmingham. So he became a DJ on the Midlands soul scene, then got a job as a record plugger promoting new releases, and his rise to the very top of the business at Jive Records was well under way by the 1980s.

His autobiography is full to the brim with anecdotes about famous performers but a local audience will also enjoy the nostalgia of his



Steve Jenkins with one of his hit artists Britney Spears

A review of new non-fiction books by Leon Burakowski

The Filter Bubble – Eli Pariser (Penguin, paperback, £9.99)

Have you noticed how in recent years search engines such as Google and portals like Facebook seem to think they know you. That they make assumptions on your tastes and interests.

This is due to the ongoing personalisation of the internet experience, a new phenomena that worries online campaigner Eli Pariser.

Websites use cookies and algorithms to track online habits so they can sell

adverts targeted at those likely to buy the product.

Information is currency on the net and these faceless cyber monoliths are getting a lot of information about you. Meanwhile, they are now filtering what information reaches you, Pariser's so-called Filter Bubble.

If you like Lady Gaga, it's great to get the latest news on Lady Gaga. But what if your internet habits suggest you have a certain political viewpoint and then the only news and comment you receive reflects that political stance? The filter takes

away the opportunity to be challenged, surprised, to discover something new. As Pariser puts it: "indoctrinating us with our own ideas." His book will help you look at the internet in a new light.

Story Of A Secret State – Jan Karski (Penguin, paperback, £9.99)

First published during the Second World War, this book reveals that the Allies were informed at the highest level about Hitler's industrialised mass murder of Europe's Jews before the liberation of the camps.

But this eyewitness account was dismissed. Patriotic Pole Karski was almost ridiculously brave. He survived imprisonment by the Russians and the Germans.

He became a courier in the Polish Underground travelling between Nazi and Soviet zones, across Europe to France and back to occupied Poland, even to the heart of Nazi Germany.

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Woman made false claim on £9,953 home benefit

A WOMAN falsely received £9,953 in income support and housing benefit after failing to tell the authorities she was living at an address with her husband.

Joanna Linda Wood was ordered to carry out 40 hours unpaid work and placed under a 12 month community order by Dudley magistrates last week.

The 34-year-old, of Clock Tower View, Wordsley, pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to notify a change in circumstances between April 2009 and May 2011.

Magistrates heard she had originally claimed for the benefit in 2008 and at the time it had been legitimate as she and her partner had separated.

But the pair had later married and even taken out home insurance in joint names in

the April of 2009. Mr Ben Close, prosecuting on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions, said Wood had already started paying back the money.

"In interview she admitted they had been living together," he said.

"An investigation also showed her husband's car parked up at the same address she was living at overnight."

Mr Michael Davis, defending, said: "She has never sought to diminish her responsibility and accepts what she did was wrong."

"The claim was legitimate at the outset. She was hedging her bets. The relationship was not as harmonious at one point as it subsequently became."

"She has started paying back the money."

Wood was also ordered to pay £150 costs.

Marina plan supported

CONTROVERSIAL plans to increase the size of a proposed marina in South Staffordshire have been recommended for approval, despite mass opposition from residents.

Objections have flooded in against the proposals for Swindon, which would increase the number of boats to be moored at the site from 199 to 236. They have voiced fears the development could lead to pollution, an increase in traffic and cause general nuisance in the village.

But council officers have ruled in favour of the project - and councillors are now expected to rubber-stamp the proposals at a meeting next week.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson is among those who have voiced concerns. "I am really surprised

this has been recommended for approval," he said.

"The concerns of local people should be listened to."

I would personally be very concerned to see it rise above the 200 figure. It is going to be a very substantial development as it is."

Original proposals for a 252-boat marina were submitted by Tim and Joanna Munday in 2009. Plans for the complex prompted objections from more than 200 residents.

Revised plans were submitted for 226 narrowboats, before it was scaled down even further to 199 boats. Those were approved in December 2010.

As well as the marina, an office, farm shop, tea rooms, gift shop, viewing gallery area and a car park on around

22 acres would also be created. Mr and Mrs Munday say the scheme will create around 10 jobs and boost tourism in the area.

A statement from the South Staffordshire Council's strategic services department reads: "I believe this application will support and contribute to a number of our aims, including high quality service delivery and raising the profile of South Staffordshire as a visitor destination, encourage sustainable development and contribute to the overall value of spend and volume of visitors to the local economy."

"In addition the development will also offer employment opportunities for our residents and help to support local traders and pubs within the village."

Golf day for funds

A LAW firm hosted a golf day to support Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge.

Staff at Wall James Chapell in Hagley Road, Stourbridge held the event for clients and professional contacts of the firm at Blackwell Golf Club, near Bromsgrove. The 45 competitors were in teams of four and prizes were awarded to the winning team, longest drive and nearest the pin.

Susannah Griffiths, partner at the firm, said: "Mary Stevens Hospice was the obvious choice of charity to support."

Melvyn is mayor



New Dudley mayor Councillor Melvyn Mottram

DUDLEY'S new mayor donned the robe and chain for the first time after being sworn in as the borough's first citizen in a traditional ceremony.

Councillor Melvyn Mottram took over the position from Councillor Michael Evans at a packed annual meeting of Dudley Council.

The ward representative for Coseley East said he was proud to become mayor. And he praised his predecessor for the work he had done in trying to boost business in the area during his time as first citizen.

Councillor Mottram, who lives in Coseley, was first elected in 1995 and served on a number of committees, including development control.

"I am proud and honoured to be mayor of Dudley. For me it is an opportunity to fly the flag for the borough and champion the unique history and the exciting future we have here."

He will support Dudley Diabetic Association and Dudley Stroke Association.

Councillor Mottram's wife, Michelle is the new mayoress and Councillor Alan Finch, of Castle and Priory ward, the deputy mayor.

Holiday fun is sorted for lucky youngsters

A PROGRAMME of activities has been organised by leisure centres in the Dudley borough to keep youngsters entertained over the Whitsun holiday.

At Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre, events will be taking place from June 4 to 10.

Staff at the venue, in Bell Street, will be holding gymnastics sessions for youngsters aged five to 15 on June 6 from noon to 1pm. The one-hour classes cost £4.60 each and must be booked and paid in advance.

Under-fives can also enjoy a gym and play session from 9.45am to 10.45am on the same day. It costs £3.10 per child and does not need to be pre-booked. Parents must be with their children. Trampolining session will run on June 8.

Children aged four and under can take part from 2.30pm to 3.30pm for £4.30 each while five to fifteen year olds can join in the fun from 3.30pm to 4.30pm for £4.60 each.

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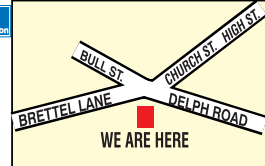


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**Cake cut
to mark
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**BLOXWICH
CO-OPERATIVE
WOMEN'S
GUILD**

A RECENT speaker told of the work of Walsall Health Care that meets in Portland Street, Walsall. Some members found it very helpful.

At the April meeting, John Austin gave an amusing account of a scout party visiting Italy in the 1960s. The journey was beset with incidents and actual time in Italy was short, but the adventure was much enjoyed.

Discussions on the forthcoming conference in Doncaster took place. Pat Stringer will represent the guild. June Holmes has been asked to represent Wednesday. Doreen Shaw is also attending, as well as Carol Venables, who is on the standing orders committee and Edna Marshall on the national executive committee. Names have been taken for the outing on May 30 to Suggall Hall walled garden.

The branch celebrated its 110th birthday on May 2. A cake, given by Midcounties Co-operative Society, was presented by Dal Kai-Rae and Rachel Locket. It was decorated with the Women's Guild emblems. Flowers from the guild garden covered the top as well as a peace poppy. The cake was cut by Doreen and Edna.

Members heard about the branch's history and the party had a Jubilee theme.

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IT WAS congratulations all round at the May meeting. Linda Jackson and Pauline Careless came first and third in the floral art competition at the Spring Event Day at Stafford.

The winner of the rose bowl competition for the last 12 months was Doreen Walker, and Beryl Dunning has had a photograph accepted for the 2013 WI Calendar. Well done to everyone.

Speaker for the evening was another winner – Allan Bennett, a local butcher. He began by working for Gills and has been a member of the Guild of Q Butchers for 25 years. Allan has won numerous prizes for his speciality sausages, and travels the country judging competitions as well as taking part.

His shop in Codsall sells 22 varieties of sausage and they make 800 to 1000lbs a week.

Allan gave a sausage-making demonstration. He uses prime meat from local farmers mixed with rusk, water and his own secret seasoning. He then deftly turned out perfect links of sausage, making it look very easy. The ladies were then treated to a taste of some he had cooked earlier.

The competition for an ornamental pig was won by Sue Cotterell. Next month's competition is a strawberry decorated item.

At the meeting on June 14, Sue Clegg will be talking about the world of dabs (fingerprints).



Award-winning butcher Allan Bennett was guest speaker at the last meeting

Entertaining talk on corset

CHAIRMAN Audrey Phipps was pleased by the good attendance at the May meeting, despite the bad weather.

A warm welcome was given to speaker Rod Quilter, whose talk on the history of the corset was very entertaining. Kath Turner gave a vote of thanks.

Pam Ingman read the

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April minutes and Sheila Evans gave the financial report. The coach trip to Stratford is to go ahead. Deposits and choice of meal from The Whittington Inn menu were also taken. The

lunch at Val's home has been re-arranged for June 26. The sales table will be suspended until September.

Mary Connop, Mary Dutton, Margaret Jones and Joan Powell won the raffle.

At the June 7 meeting at the British Legion club, cake and wine will be provided out of club funds. Shirley Ireland Jones will give a talk entitled "Beyond the Stars".

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Distribution centre is at hub of creating 200 jobs

A BLACK COUNTRY freight logistics business launched eight years ago is set to create 200 jobs over the next five years.

Pallet-Track has grown from employing just seven when it went operational in January 2004 to 200 at its current 267,000 sq ft central hub at Millfields Road, Ettingshall.

Managing director and founder Nigel Parkes said his business had trebled in size since moving to its Titan Distribution Centre in 2008.

"We bucked the trend during the recession as well. From 2008 to 2009 we grew by 14 per cent," he said.

Group turnover has grown from £600,000 in 2004 to £70m this year.

Mr Parkes, aged 42, said Pallet-Track employed more than 3,500 across the country at its depots which have grown from 46 in 2004 to 75.

"The number employed at our headquarters will grow from 200 over the next five years to at least double to 400 - and that is at a conservative estimate," he said.

Invested

The Wolverhampton hub, which was found after a two-year search, operates Monday to Friday and comes alive at night with lorries pouring in from all over the country.

"Last year we invested £1.1m in buying a fleet of 40 custom-made forklift trucks for the distribution centre from Linde," added Mr Parkes.

The Wolverhampton hub is at 80 per cent capacity and Pallet-Track is already looking at future options.

"Whatever happens, we will retain a presence in the Black Country," Birmingham-born Mr Parkes pledged.

Pallet-Track originally operated from a 100,000sq ft premises in Woden Road West, Wednesbury. It was han-



Aaron Myers, from Halesowen, scans goods



Simon Cooper, from Great Bridge, logging goods in and out of the depot



Forklift driver Damian Taylor, from Cradley Heath

dling 800 pallets a night initially but just this month reached a new record of 9,000 in one night. The company has tens of thousands of UK customers.

The rising cost of diesel has also contributed to Pallet-Track's growth with business finding it cheaper to use Pallet-Track's network rather than operate their own transport fleets in isolation.

Mr Parkes said the key to their success lay in "efficiency" and ensur-

ing vehicles did not travel empty.

"We maximise the amount carried to provide the most efficient way for business to move materials across the country," he said. Member companies bring their goods into the massive central warehouse and other members take them to other parts of the UK.

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Dan's distinctive voice heard on debut album

WOLVERHAMPTON singer and songwriter Dan Whitehouse has collected enough of his own material, ably abetted by Michael and Steve Clarke, to release his first, and eponymously titled, full album which is out on May 23.

Dan has served his time on the local music scene and played many major festivals, and his album is currently getting airplay on Radio 6.

On the album you can hear Dan flexing his vocal range with tracks which certainly brings to mind artists such as Bob Dylan, David Bowie, Leonard Cohen, Donovan and Peter Gabriel.

Whether these influences are conscious or otherwise remains to be seen, but in between these is the breathy and distinctive voice of Dan who is able to convey real emotion in his singing.

Evocative

There are nice little evocative twists among the tracks such as Three Bodies which could easily be the sound of a busker on the streets of Paris.

Perhaps the tracks which gives you Dan at his stripped down best is Hold on to What We Have in which the music has more than a tinge of Pink Floyd to it.



Wolverhampton singer-songwriter Dan Whitehouse releases his self-titled debut album this week

The album comes with ambitious renderings such as the thumping rhythm of Fire of Lust and In My Stupid Face. Dan uses sound effects very well which is reminiscent of Roxy Music's early experimentations.

All in all this is a very thoughtful and reflective

Other new releases: SHEFFIELD'S mellow voiced Richard Hawley, formerly of Pulp, turns the amps up to 11 on his new album **Standing at the**

Sky's Edge.

There are some crooned ballads about the lost and lonely but as important on this album is the fiery fretwork as he unleashes squalls of psychedelic drone rock. There is a thin line between quirky and irritating and I am afraid Marina and the Diamonds overstep it on Electra Heart with songs that would have been rejected by Shakespeare's Sister a couple of decades ago. Her vocal gymnastics

are just too mannered and get in the way of the songs, and when she tones it down a little she sounds like a nil point Eurovision entry.

Former Blur frontman **Damon Albarn's** latest wild tangent is **Dr Dee**, part pastoral symphony and part folk song cycle about the life of Elizabethan mystic John Dee. More Radio 3 than 1, 2 or 6.

Sweet Billy Pilgrim continue to defy genres with their **Crown and Treaty** album. If you imagine a folk version of Elbow, then you're on the right track.

Fans of such jazz-inflected soul singers of the 70s as Bill Withers and Labi Siffre should check out young Londoner **Michael Kiwanuka**. His debut **Home Again** isn't highly original but those who like classic soul will embrace it.

Norah Jones' breathy vocal charm gains more gravitas and variety on **Little Broken Hearts** and ace producer Danger Mouse has given the whole affair an elegant sheen.

Brooklyn's Santi White, AKA **Santigold**, on her second album **Master of My Make-Believe** delivers a potent and inventive blend of rock, reggae, dubstep, drum 'n' bass with a keen pop sense. Disparate Youth is the stand out track and Karen O guests on Go!

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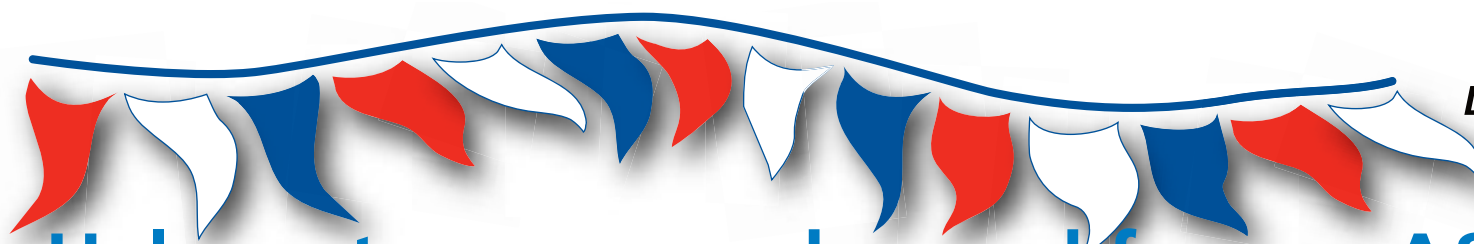
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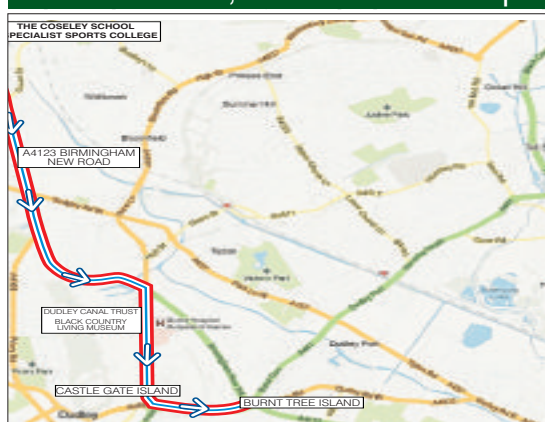
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Another meeting between the parties is due to be held next week but Mr Pearson today reiterated that proposals had not yet been finalised. The plans would be financed by the sale of Gornal Athletic's Garden Walk Stadium for redevelopment. Mr Pearson says they would try to emulate the model of Walsall football club's Banks's Stadium which hosts a range of off-the-pitch events.

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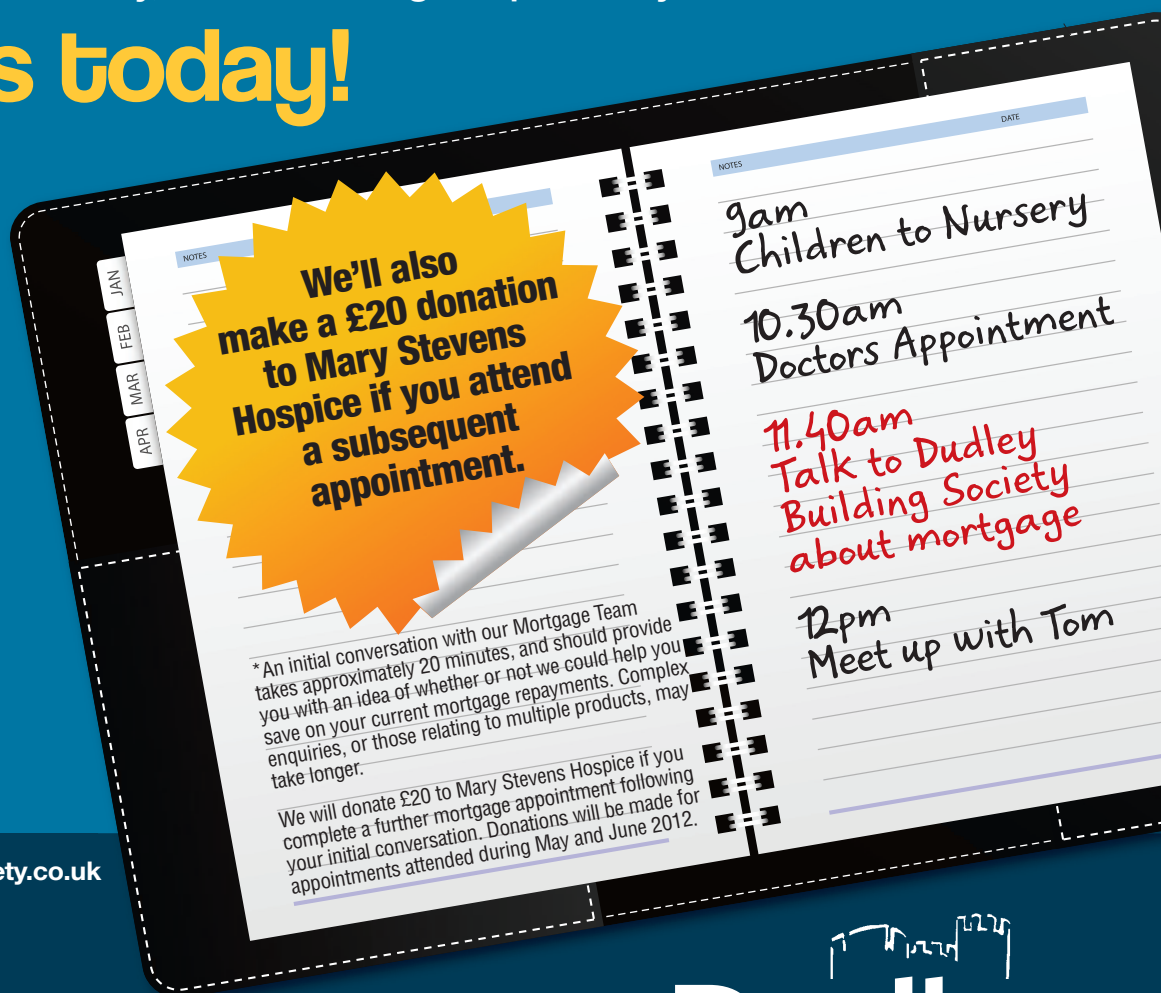
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Manilow's still got it

Barry Manilow, LG Arena, Birmingham
"I'VE still got it!" quipped Barry Manilow, as his legion of Fanilows roared their approval for the line "when can I touch you" during his 36-year-old ballad Weekend In New England.

The New York singer-songwriter has still got it, if 'it' is the skill and charm of a consummate showman. He hasn't written a hit since his fertile period between 1975 and 90, but that leaves more than enough material to turn a 90 minute show into a greatest hits cavalcade.

There were the upbeat pop tunes, such as It's A Miracle, Could It Be Magic and Copacabana, but best were the ballads when Barry, though still a nifty mover at 68, sat at his keyboard. "Now the sex god needs to sit down," he said, with self-deprecating wit.

Tears

Even Now, All The Time, Looks Like We Made It – these songs are special to the mostly female and mostly middle-aged audience. Tears were in eyes as they waved their glow sticks.

It had been ten years since his last Birmingham show, in which time he released little original material until last year's fame concept album 15 Minutes – from which two songs were warmly received. The Brooklyn songsmith's duet via video with his younger self for Manday was poignant.

Could it be magic? Yes, it was.

Leon Burakowski

Susan dreamed a dream and it comes true in new musical

BRITAIN'S Got Talent singing star Susan Boyle guest stars in a musical about her own life, coming to Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

Marooned but magnificent

The Tempest, RSC, Stratford

JONATHAN Slinger gives a commanding, emotional performance as Prospero, the overthrown duke turned marooned magician, which towers over this production of Shakespeare's final play.

It is being presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company as part of the Bard's Shipwreck Trilogy, with the same cast performing The Comedy of Errors and Twelfth Night.

As a whole, director David Farr has created a version that is more pleasure cruise than fantastic voyage.

Design quirks like a giant transparent cube allow, thanks to Jon Clark's exceptional lighting, great effects but actors inside it are almost unintelligible. And Amer Hlehel gabbles his lines as Caliban. But the exceptional Slinger and Sandy Grierson, as his lookalike spirit Ariel, keep this production on course.

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I Dreamed A Dream, named after the song from Les Misérables which brought Boyle fame on Simon Cowell's top TV show, will see the Scottish singer played by Elaine C Smith, best known as the long-suffering wife of Glaswegian layabout Rab C Nesbitt's in the eponymous TV sit-com.

The story of the frump with a beautiful voice, who stunned a nation with her talent and went on to achieve global fame, will be staged at Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday (May 29) to June 2.

Finale

Elaine C Smith conceived of and co-wrote this combination of play and jukebox musical, which looks at the first 47 years of Boyle's life, with funny, poignant and sometimes painful incidents whilst growing up in a West Lothian village. The climax is the sudden fame which led to her being runner-up in the 2009 series of Britain's Got Talent (dancers Diversity actually stole her thunder by winning).

The special element of this show is that, when the cast depart the stage after their final bow, the woman herself steps out of the wings... subject to availability, adds a proviso.



Susan Boyle (left) and Elaine C Smith join forces to tell the singer's life story so far in I Dreamed A Dream

Good and evil in one weekend

BOTH good and evil get a look in at Birmingham Symphony Hall this weekend.

Hollywood actor John Malkovich recites the confessions of Austrian 'celebrity' serial killer Jack Unterwieser in play with music The Infernal Comedy, featuring baroque orchestra and singers on Saturday.

Welsh conductor Karl Jenkins will lead The Manchester Orchestra, singers Cor Caerdydd and Lichfield Cathedral Young Voices for his new work The Peacemakers at the city centre venue on Sunday.

Murder mystery is a gripping period piece even without Poirot

Agatha Christie's Murder On The Nile, Wolverhampton Grand

IF you are expecting a certain Belgian detective to help exercise your little grey cells, you are out of luck. That's Agatha's Christie's Death On The Nile and this is a different (if rather similar) tale from the queen of mystery. Even more confusingly, the popular 1978 film used elements from both stories.

The Nile becomes the river of no return for a couple of passengers aboard a paddle steamer in this whodunnit. Mystery fans will probably guess 'who dunnit' and puzzle instead 'how they dunnit' in this four act play set on a nicely realised cruise deck set.

There is a portly gent of a cerebral nature on hand to solve the murder mystery, Canon Ambrose Pennefather, a sort of ecclesiastical Poirot.

Murder always seems rather mundane in these antiquated Christie plays. Rather than being shocked or struck by grief, the first thought of those surrounding the victim is unmasking the killer or finding an alibi. But perhaps that's part of the creaky charm combined with stiff-upper-lip Britishness and the odd swipe at Johnny foreigner.

The ensemble cast are good. Kate O'Mara brings some humour as the splendidly named snob Mrs ffliot-ffoulkes ("no capital F!") whilst Denis Lill is utterly dependable as the investigating clergyman. Chloe Newsome does a nicely neurotic turn as the jealous Louise de Vallois, who is stalking ill-matched newly weds Kay and Simon Mostyn (Susie Amy and Ben Nealon).

The play continues at the Grand to Saturday.

Leon Burakowski

Amstell is Numb one



COMEDIAN Simon Amstell brings his latest stand-up show to Birmingham with a gig at the New Alexandra Theatre on Friday, June 1, as part of his Numb tour.

Amstell was best known as the acerbic presenter of comedy pop quiz Never Mind The Buzzcocks but has more recently gained plaudits for his TV sit-com Grandma's House, which he stars in and co-wrote.

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Stars line up for Superstar at NIA

THE 40th anniversary of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar will be marked by an arena tour, including Birmingham NIA on October 4. The actor playing Jesus will be chosen by the public in forthcoming TV show Superstar.

Other roles will be filled by Australian Tim Minchin (Judas), ex-Spice Girl Melanie C (Mary Magdalene) and Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles (King Herod).

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EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2012

BBC1, 8pm

Graham Norton commentates on the 57th edition of the musical extravaganza from the Crystal Hall in Baku, Azerbaijan – the first time the former Soviet republic has hosted the competition. Engelbert Humperdinck is bidding to add another achievement to his glittering career by becoming the first UK winner since 1997 with his ballad Love Will Set You Free, and will be the first of tonight's 26 finalists to take the stage. However, he is likely to face strong competition from Italy's Nina Zilli, whose jazzy pop tune L'Amore E Femmina has been heavily tipped by both pundits and bookmakers.

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. **Weather.** **12.10** Live Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying. The battle for pole position in Monte Carlo (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.15** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the third day's play from Wentworth. **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. **5.40** BBC News: Regional News. **Weather.**

6.00 My Family. The Harpers attend a couples' retreat in a bid to improve their marriage. (R)

6.30 The Voice UK: The Semi-Final. The last eight singers perform individually and with their coaches ahead of next week's final – and with only four places up for grabs, the competition will be tougher than ever. The results can be seen tomorrow at 7.15pm.

7.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. John Partridge reveals the all-important winning numbers.

8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2012. Graham Norton commentates on the musical extravaganza from the Crystal Hall in Baku, Azerbaijan, as Engelbert Humperdinck tries to become the first UK winner since 1997.

11.15 BBC News: Weather. National Lottery Update.

11.35 FILM: The Girl Next Door. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Emile Hirsch.

1.15 Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.05** Film: A Double Life. (1947) Theatrical drama, starring Ronald Colman. **1.45** Film: William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. (2004) Shakespearean drama, starring Al Pacino. **3.50** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the third day's play from Wentworth.

6.00 Flog It! The team visits St Albans, Hertfordshire.

6.45 Dad's Army. The platoon mans the local lighthouse. (R)

7.15 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. Alan Titchmarsh, Nicki Chapman and Chris Beardshaw discover which of the show gardens has been voted the winner of the RHS People's Award. Last in the series.

8.15 Arts Troubleshoot. The first of two documentaries exploring the work of arts expert Michael Lynch at organisations whose futures are under threat, beginning with Northern Ballet.

9.15 A Picture of London. Eyewitness accounts and visual records charting the city's history.

10.15 Dara O Briain: This Is the Show. The comedian performs at Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

11.15 TOTP2 Goes Eurovision. Hits from the contest. (R)

12.15 Film: Brooklyn Rules. (2007) Drama, starring Freddie Prinze Jr. **1.45** Film: El Bano del Papa. (2007) Premiere. Comedy, with Cesar Troncoso. **3.20** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.40** ITV News: Weather. **1.45** Film: Agatha Christie's Dead Man's Folly. (1986) Murder mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. **3.30** Film: Goldfinger. (1964) Adventure, starring Sean Connery. **5.35** Regional News. **Weather.** **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! Full Throttle. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage, featuring thrill-seekers, show-offs and painful-looking accidents.

7.00 Live International Football. Norway v England (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of this evening's friendly international at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, as Roy Hodgson takes control of England for the first time.

10.00 ITV News: Weather. **10.15** International Football. Norway v England. Highlights of the friendly international at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, as Roy Hodgson took control of England for the first time since being appointed manager.

10.40 FILM: The Matrix. (1999) Sci-fi action thriller, with Keanu Reeves.

1.05 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.10** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.10 Sall Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** British GT. **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Rita Ora: Intro. (R) **9.10** T4: Snow White and the Huntsman: T4 Movie Special. **9.45** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Paralympic World Cup Live. Coverage of the wheelchair basketball finals. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood, York and the Curragh. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.30 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. (2002) Frodo and Sam's quest to destroy the ring brings more peril when they come face to face with its former owner. Part two of the fantasy trilogy, starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin.

10.00 FILM: X-Men: The Last Stand. (2006) The mutant heroes battle old ally Jean Grey, returned from the dead as the destructive and seemingly unstoppable Phoenix. The third instalment of the superhero saga, starring Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellen.

12.00 4thought.tv. **12.10** Paralympic World Cup Highlights. Action from the Manchester Regional Arena. **1.15** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **2.00** Film: The Edukators. (2004) Drama, starring Daniel Brühl and Sipe Erceg. **4.05** Smallville. (R) **4.45** St Elsewhere. Morrison attends a drug rehab programme. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** New Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.20** Film: Tall Man Riding. (1955) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **3.00** Film: Man from God's Country. (1958) Western, starring George Montgomery. **4.30** Film: The Unforgiven. (1990) Western, starring Burt Lancaster.

6.55 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket at 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the second day of the Second Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, where the three-match series continued.

8.00 NCIS. A Marine dies while trying to save the life of the Belgravian defence secretary, and the team is asked to protect the politician's daughter while she studies in America. (R)

9.00 CSI: NY. Mac is seriously wounded in a shooting. Last in the series.

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A single murder quickly becomes a case involving three bodies.

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11.50 Forensic Files. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. **3.55** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **3.45** All Star Family Fortunes **4.45** Film: Free Willy (1993) **7.00** Film: Happy Feet (2006). Animated adventure, with the voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman. Including FYI Daily. **9.00** Film: American Pie: The Wedding (2003). The third instalment in the comedy series, with Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Eddie Kaye Thomas and Eugene Levy. **11.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments

ITV3 **2.45** Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Film: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973)

ITV4 **2.45** Film: Stargate (1994) **5.10** Euro 2012 Preview Show **5.45** Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Blazing Saddles (1974) **11.00** Premiership Rugby Union

BBC THREE **7.00** Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.50** Euros' Most Shocking Moments **11.20** Family Guy

BBC FOUR **7.00** Talk at the BBC **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** Sebastian Bergman **10.30** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.10** Sex and the Sitcom

E4 **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.05** Charlie's Angels **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Film: Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4 **2.45** Flight of the Phoenix (2004) **4.55** The Man Who Knew Too Little (1997) **6.45** Another Stakeout (1993) **9.00** The Client (1994) **11.20** Deathwatch (2002)

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6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Live Pentecost Praise from Brighton. A service from Church of Christ the King, Brighton. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** Live Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix. The sixth round of the season from Monte Carlo (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** The Queen's Palaces. (R) **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** Chelsea Flower Show 2012. **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison explores the River Humber. **7.15 The Voice UK: The Semi-Final Results.** Including performances by Kylie Minogue and Cheryl Cole.

8.00 British Academy Television Awards. Dara O Briain hosts the ceremony in which Rolf Harris will receive the Bafta Fellowship and shows including This Is England '88, Spooks and Misfits battle for recognition.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. William Shatner hosts, with guests Andy Hamilton and Charlie Brooker.

11.10 Room 101 - Extra Storage. With Ross Noble, Jamelia and Germaine Greer. (R)

11.50 The Football League Show.

12.40 Weatherview. **12.45** Sign Zone: Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. (R) **1.45** Holly City. (R) **2.45** Fake Britain. (R) **3.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.00** Great British Menu. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00 CBBC.** **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Film: As You Like It. (2006) Shakespearean comedy, starring Bryce Dallas Howard. **2.00** Flog It! (R) **2.30** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the fourth day's play from Wentworth.

6.00 Rowing. Highlights of the second World Cup meeting of the season, which took place in Lucerne, Switzerland.

7.00 Singapore 1942: End of Empire. Part one of two. Why the fall of Singapore to Japanese forces in February 1942 proved to be a key moment in its history, as well as the rest of Asia and the British Empire.

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Simon finds out about bloodshed in Sri Lanka, then moves on to Bangladesh, where he hears about one of the Indian Ocean's fastest-growing industries, providing prawns for the West.

9.00 Coast. Exploring the history of Britain's harbours, visiting Newlyn, Barrow-in-Furness, Portsmouth, Birkenhead and Scarborough.

10.00 FILM: The Road. (2009) Premiere. Post-apocalyptic drama, starring Viggo Mortensen.

11.40 Episodes. (R)

12.10 Grandma's House. (R) **12.40** Film: Tadpole. (2003) Drama, starring Aaron Stanford. **1.50** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25 CITV.** **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.45** Live French Open Tennis. The opening day of the second Grand Slam event of the year. **5.30** Regional News; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Soccer Aid 2012.

Robbie Williams and Michael Sheen captain the pro-celebrity teams for the charity football match, live from Old Trafford, as England take on the Rest of the World (Kick-off 8.00pm). Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.20 Smugglers Special. Documentary following detectives from the City of London Police as they track and arrest a gang smuggling counterfeit trainers worth millions of pounds into Britain. Narrated by Samuel West. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Harlequins v Leicester Tigers. Highlights of the showpiece match at Twickenham, where this season's champions were confirmed. Presented by Craig Doyle and Martin Bayfield.

12.15 The Store. Home shopping: ITV News Headlines. **2.15** River Monsters. (R) **3.10** Motorsport UK. **4.00** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Paralympic World Cup Highlights. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: Volcano. (1997) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. **4.35** Deal or No Deal. **5.35** Film: St Trinian's. (2007) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett.

7.25 Channel 4 News.

7.55 Channel 4 Presents - Nathan Stephens "Warrior". A profile of the Paralympic javelin world champion, following him on a journey through London to Trafalgar Square. (R) **8.00 Come Dine with Me Jubilee Special.** Actress Cheryl Fergison, entertainer Lionel Blair, ex-Atomic Kitten star Kerry Katona and ventriloquist Keith Harris take part in a Jubilee-themed edition of the show.

9.00 FILM: The Lovely Bones. (2009) A teenage girl murdered by a neighbour watches over both her family and her killer from the afterlife. Peter Jackson's fantasy drama, starring Saoirse Ronan and Rachel Weisz. **11.35** FILM: A History of Violence. (2005) David Cronenberg's thriller, with Viggo Mortensen.

1.20 Camelot. (R) **2.15** Journey Through the Night. (R) **2.25** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerfarts. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Funky Valley. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.25** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.20** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.20** Film: Patch Adams. (1998) Comedy drama, with Robin Williams. **2.35** Film: Posh's Grand Adventure: The Search for Christopher Robin. (1997) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. **4.05** Film: The Hunchback of Notre Dame. (1996) Disney animation, with the voices of Tom Hulce and Demi Moore. **5.55** Elizabeth II: A Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

6.55 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. **8.00** Once Upon a Time. **9.00** Britain's Funniest Comedy Characters. Celebration of small-screen comedy creations. **11.50** Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. (R)

12.20 The Walking Dead. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.05** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Islands. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **4.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments. **5.00** Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **7.00** Film: About a Boy (2002). Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. **9.00** Benidorm. The Oracle's tall tales land him in trouble with the police. **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex. **10.45** The Exclusives. **11.45** Film: Die Another Day (2002)

ITV3 **3.55** Rosemary & Thyme. **5.30** Live French Open Tennis. Coverage from Roland Garros. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. An elderly villager is found drowned. **10.00** Wycliffe. **11.05** Cracker

ITV4 **2.45** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Coverage of the final at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **9.00** Cops with Cameras. **10.00** Soccer Aid: Extra Time. **11.00** Film: The Enforcer (1976)

BBC THREE **7.50** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Highlights. **7.50** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Snog, Marry, Avoid?

BBC FOUR **7.00** Natural World. **8.00** Cobra Ferrari Wars. **9.00** Imagine: David Sassoon - A Cut Above. **10.10** We'll Take Manhattan. **11.40** Pink Floyd: Wish You Were Here

E4 **3.35** Ugly Betty. **4.30** Glee. **5.25** 90210. **6.20** The Big Bang Theory. **7.20** Film: California Man (1992) **9.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.00** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23

FILM4 **3.05** Carry On Behind (1975) **4.55** Bee Season (2005) **7.05** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **8.50** Snow White and the Huntsman Interview Special. **9.00** Saving Private Ryan (1998)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: A Walk in the Sun. (1945) Second World War adventure, with Dana Andrews. 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hair Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Afghanistan: The Great Game - A Personal View by Rory Stewart. 10.00 Sounds of the 70s 2 Soul - Keep in Keeping On. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Dam Busters: The Race to Smash the German Dams. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Coronation Street. 9.00 56 Up. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Born in the USSR: 28 Up. 12.05 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.25 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Channel 4 Presents - Liz Johnson 'Night Swimmer'. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Four in a Bed. (R) 12.30 SuperScrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 1.05 Film: Hills of Home. (1948) Family drama, with Edmund Gwenn. 3.05 Channel 4 Presents - London Dreaming. (R) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thouttv. 8.00 The Real Mr & Mrs Assad: Channel 4 Dispatches. 8.30 Gok Cooks Chinese. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 9 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. 10.50 The Hoarder Next Door. (R) 11.55 Random Acts. 12.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) 1.00 My Big Fat Fetish. (R) 1.55 Film: Empire Records. (1995) Comedy drama, starring Liv Tyler. 3.40 Whatever Turns You On. (R) 3.45 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.35 Smallville. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: The First of the Few. (1942) Wartime biopic, directed by and starring Leslie Howard. 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hair Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Springwatch Unsprung 2012. 9.30 The Meat Market: Inside Smithfield. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens. 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Four in a Bed. (R) 12.35 The Kitchen Pharmacy. (R) 12.50 Film: Logan's Run. (1976) Sci-fi thriller, starring Michael York. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thouttv. 8.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 9.00 Married to the Moonies. 10.00 24 Hours in A&E. (R) 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Jimmy and the Giant Supermarket. (R) 12.10 The Secret Millionaire. (R) 1.10 Edward VIII: The Plot to Topple a King. (R) 2.05 Unreported World. (R) 2.30 The Real Mr & Mrs Assad: Channel 4 Dispatches. (R) 3.00 Hidden Talent. (R) 3.55 Deal or No Deal. (R) 4.50 Glamour Puds. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 The Restaurant Inspector. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.20 Film: McBride: Sempier F. (2007) Mystery, starring John Larroquette. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Police Interceptors. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 World's Scariest Animal Attacks. (R) 5 News at 9. 9.00 The Restaurant Inspector. 10.00 Film: Hostel. (2005) Horror, starring Jay Hernandez. 11.50 The World of Stupid Criminals. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 Divine Designs. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Fake Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer: BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 A Jubilee Tribute to the Queen: The Prince of Wales. 9.00 EastEnders. 9.30 Have I Got News for You. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 White Van Man. 12.00 EastEnders. 1.55 Weatherview. 2.00 Sign Zone: Silk. (R) 3.00 Question Time. (R) 4.00 The 1952 Show. (R) 4.45 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Odd Man Out. (1947) British thriller, starring James Mason. 1.30 Racing from Epsom: The Oaks. Including the 4.05 Investec Oaks (1m 40). 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 Diamond Jubilee - The Queen on Tour. 8.00 Great British Menu. 8.30 Gardeners' World. 9.00 The Great British Story: A People's History. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. 11.45 Weather. 11.50 Film: Frida. (2002) Oscar-winning biopic, starring Salma Hayek. 1.45 Taken. (R) 3.10 BBC News. 4.45 Close.

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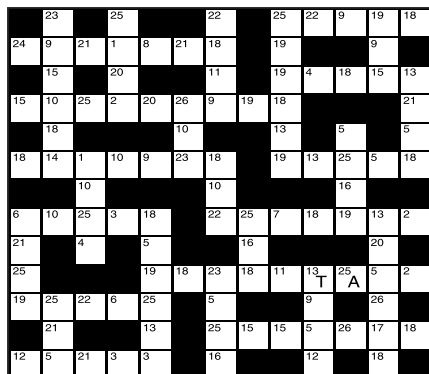
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
F	M	P	Q	V	D	W	C	E	G	K	H	A
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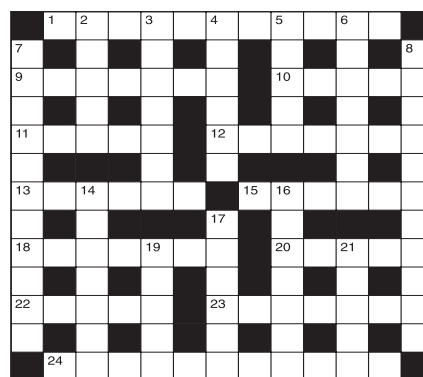


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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9

				2				
	3	9				2	6	
6			3	8	9			5
	6				7		5	
7			8		6			1
	1	5					7	
2			9		1			6
	5	7	2	6		3	4	
				4				7

LAST WEEK'S

SOLUTIONS >

9	1	5	3	8	4	7	2
6	4	7	1	9	2	3	8
2	8	3	5	7	6	4	1
4	5	8	9	2	1	6	3
3	9	2	7	6	5	1	4
1	7	6	4	3	8	9	5
7	2	1	6	5	3	8	4
8	3	9	2	4	7	5	6
5	6	4	8	1	9	2	3

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Time may be on its side (6,5)
9. Pays a quick visit and watches TV (5,2)
10. Some back well utilised material (5)
11. Inlay having three points in it (5)
12. Regulated as instructed (7)
13. Tree as old as the Ark! (6)
15. Weighty lemons, perhaps (6)
18. Expert on board (7)
20. Changing a flat could be ruinous (5)
22. A planet or a dog-star! (5)
23. Paid no attention to negroid developments (7)
24. Farewell photograph may be the last word in defiance (7,4)

Down

2. Eye-catching gadgets (5)
3. It may be worn as a favour (7)
4. It had a backseat driver (6)
5. Chosen from the depot (5)
6. Increase the confusion of the general (7)
7. What parachutists take from aircraft? (6,5)
8. Commanding individual with an important role to play (7,4)
14. Paul is confused about a border flower (7)
16. Possibly send off insults (7)
17. The French take charge in injury (6)
19. Craft about to capsizc (1-4)
21. Trunk roots disturbed (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Situation (11)
9. On horseback (7)
10. Faint-hearted (5)
11. Consumed (5)
12. Overlook (7)
13. Derided (6)
15. Horrified (6)
18. Recount (7)
20. Accumulate (5)
22. River nymph (5)
23. Legend (7)
24. Informal (4-3-4)

Down

2. Frequent (5)
3. Train (7)
4. Kidnap (6)
5. Frequently (5)
6. Kind of lottery (7)
7. Temporary (11)
8. Publicity (11)
14. Conveyor (7)
16. Fight close (7)
17. Warning fire (6)
19. Muddle (5)
21. Wrongly (5)



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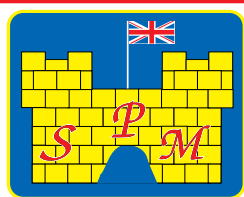
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Aston is backing Froch for title triumph

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston has backed Carl Froch to become a world champion once again on Saturday night after four days of sparring between the two.

Hometown hero and former WBC title holder Froch goes for the IBF crown held by Lucian Bute at the Nottingham Arena, live on Sky Sports.

On the undercard of the Sky Sports bill, undefeated middleweight Aston faces a test against veteran puncher Paul Samuels over six rounds. And 'Tank' has made four separate trips to Nottingham to climb through the ropes with the Cobra.

The two have gone a full eight rounds on each visit.

Aston was picked to box as a clone for Bute, a calculating pressure fighter who comes forward and looks to attack to the body.

As a lighter opponent than both of the two super-middleweights, Aston also possesses superior hand speed, which it's hoped has sharpened Froch's reactions. But that's not as much as his sparring partner - who is only 21 - has taken from their exchanges.

He said: "I am a big fan of Carl Froch and he's been brilliant for boxing, he's doesn't duck anyone and he's a credit to the sport."

Talented

"To have this sort of sparring is priceless, you can't ask for anything better, and Carl is such a talented bloke."

"I am being recognised as a class of opponent for world-class athletes and it's been brilliant."

"It's been making me switch on a lot and he's made me think more than anyone I have been in there with. He's clever, has got a very long reach and he's got a great chin as well."

As his role was to get Froch ready for Bute, Aston was only allowed to box in a particular way.

But it wasn't much of a deviation from his norm.

Aston is backing Froch to beat Bute. He said: "He's been there and done it and I think he will do it again."

"Bute is a great body puncher but most of the guys he has been in there with are come-forward fighters."

"We have been working with Carl boxing on the back-foot and trying to hit me on the counter."

Golden girl Nat smashes personal best

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club sent 38 members to Gloucester for a full weekend event - and they brought back 80 medals.

Midland qualifying places were up for grabs for the juniors, snatching them to raise their game.

Every one of the 38 swimmers set at least one personal best and a number set Midland and national qualifying times.

There were medals galore with top spot going to Tom McCallum who bagged nine golds and a silver from his 10 events.

Nat Dingley was the golden girl of the weekend with an impressive

100 per cent gold return from her races.

For the first time ever Dingley went under one minute for 100m freestyle - a goal she had set herself for this season and one that she smashed on the day.

Lauren Sanders, Gemma Dudley, Kyle Furnell, Katie Mae Boden and Alex Westwood were all impressive, picking up medals in every one of their races.

Sanders racked up three gold and one silver; Dudley went away with two gold, two silver and three bronze; Furnell took seven medals in total, consisting of two gold, four

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silver and one bronze; Boden landed three silver and Westwood took a silver and a bronze.

National qualifier Britt Horton was in fine form. The 13-year-old smashed the national qualifying time for a 19-year-old. Horton made a clean sweep of the medals on the backstroke, taking home three golds.

Emma Pay took an extraordinary 17 seconds in total off her lifetime best achievements.

She netted one silver and three bronze for her endeavours.

Other medallists were: Adam Horton, two gold, one silver, two bronze; Kieran Furnell, one gold, two silver, one bronze; Joe Hamilton, one gold, one silver, two bronze; Sam Matthews, one gold, three bronze; Alex Price and Bethan Walters, one gold; Niamh Donovan, Megan Dudley and Shane Hazell, one silver, one bronze; Grace Fellows, Lucy Furnell, Geena Hill and Aaron Costigan, one silver; Nick Borghesi, two bronze; Shannon Roche, Ellie Wood and Callum Faulkner, one bronze.

Connie Boden won one bronze

medal but also achieved her first and much-coveted Midland qualifying time.

Junior coach Becky Simkins said "This has been a truly amazing weekend."

"Our swimmers have absolutely flown and fully deserve the hoard of medals and sensational number of personal best and championship qualifying times they have achieved."

"All of these swimmers are focused and training well and these results are testament to the hard work and effort they have put in."

Duo make a splash by taking Midlands crown

TWO Stourbridge Swimming Club members have been crowned Midland champions.

Scott Allin and Becki Cole took the titles in the championships held at Coventry's 50m pool.

Allin powered away to win the 50m backstroke event. He also took second place on the 200m backstroke and was third in the 100m backstroke.

Cole's victory never looked in any doubt as she stormed up the pool to take the 100m backstroke title.

Cole also netted two silver medals in the 50m and 200m backstroke events.

The two swimmers were among seven club members who reached the elite qualifying times to compete in this top Midlands event.

Rich Spoor missed out on gold in two nailbiting finishes to come second in the 100m and 200m breaststroke. He also competed in the 50m breaststroke.

Nat Dingley competed in a marathon number of events including the 100m and 200m butterfly, 50m, 100m, 200m and 800m freestyle and 200m backstroke.

Exciting

She reached the final of the 200m butterfly and put in a tremendous effort, having only just completed the 800m freestyle event.

Gemma Dudley put in two good swims in the 50m and 100m freestyle with Lauren Sanders taking part in an exciting swim-off for a place in the 50m backstroke final, just missing out by a whisker.

Sanders also qualified for the 100m and 200m backstroke events.

Megan Dudley took her

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place at the championships for the first time in the 50m butterfly, giving her excellent experience for future years.

Head coach Stew Nicklin said: "This is an extremely intensive competition with the best the Midlands has to offer competing in the pool."

"Our sensational seven did themselves proud and it's the icing on the cake to come home with medals and silverware."

"I am really proud of each and every one of them," he added.

"We had numerous swimmers who just missed out on achieving these very high qualifying standards, so hopefully we'll take an even stronger team next year."

■ Stourbridge Swimming Club are currently on the lookout for new members.

If your child is aged six or over and interested in joining this successful club, contact Stew Nicklin on 07834 689178.

Alternatively, go through the club's website www.stourbrswim.co.uk

Hickman's the hero as boys taste cup glory



Stourbridge under-16 boys celebrate after winning the Midland Junior Premier League Cup final

JACK HICKMAN was the goalscoring hero as Stourbridge under-16s took the Midland Junior Premier League Cup final with a 1-0 win over Bilbrook.

Stourbridge beat some very good teams along the way to the showpiece. And they found Bilbrook tough opposition.

For the first 20 minutes, Stourbridge looked shaky everywhere but in defence where they were resolute and

in command. After that nervous start, Stourbridge settled down and played some very good football although the teams went into the break goalless.

In the second period, Stourbridge showed passion and confidence as Hickman scored an excellent goal.

It stayed 1-0 with Stourbridge holding on to lift the trophy.

■ Stourbridge's youth team, after a third consecutive season in the

Midland Floodlit Youth League, are looking for new players.

Anyone interested should send a CV to manager Dave King at dave@soccerkings.co.uk

There will be no open trials for the team, so attendance will be by invitation only.

Players must be under 18 years of age at September 1, 2012 to be eligible.

Weather strikes at cricket fixtures

Worcestershire League

WHAT is the matter with the weather? writes Chris Marsh.

This was another week where several games failed to start due to unforecast drizzle.

Division One first XI's leaders Oldswinford won for the third week running, this time by skittling 10th-placed Colwall for 70.

Droitwich jumped to second, beating 11th-placed Coombs Wood by a similarly convincing margin.

Nomads won an exciting 30-overs a side match at home to Bromyard despite 89 from Fernando and thanks to a chanceless unbroken third wicket partnership of 157 in 25 overs by Liam O'Driscoll (92 not out) and Sam Roberts who was unbeaten on 67.

With Hagley's match against Redditch called off, they fell to seventh after Astwood Bank beat Pedmore and Pershore defeated bottom side Worcester.

Four points cover the top three and this week Oldswinford entertain Pershore whilst Droitwich host Colwall.

Struggle

In Division Two, there is a similarly tight struggle as Stourport lost for the first time this season at home to Belbroughton and are now two points behind Burghill whose Kiwi twins Newton and Hedges proved too powerful for Feckenham.

Bewdley lurk in third another two points back after a comfortable win at Rushwick and Dominies are a further point behind following a narrow win at Netherton.

In the other games, Alvechurch had a tense draw at Enville and Romsley beat bottom side Worme-low. On Saturday, Burghill travel to Bewdley and Stourport are at Alvechurch. Dominies entertain their old rivals Rushwick.

Division Three leaders Cookley squeezed home by one wicket at home to Birmingham. With Harvington unable to get any play at Himbleton, Tenbury also won and overtook them but somewhat unconvincingly as they won at joint bottom Malvern by just 18 runs after posting 102 all out with Mohammed Shah grabbing 5-19 for the home team.

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Jubilant swimmers take county titles

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Teenager takes her titles at the double

TEENAGER Hannah Smith has completed a martial arts double, taking the British Brazilian jui-jitsu open championship to add to her Midland Championship.

Smith, aged 14, went into her match at the NEC against Lucy Grabe-Watson with a weight disadvantage of 8.5 kgs.

The Oxford girl took early control by pulling guard. Smith then managed to pass the guard only to run into a leg catch.

Grabe-Watson tried to use her strength and weight, but Smith passed to gain the mount and take a vital four points.

Smith, from Stourport, repeated the dose and forced a submission with an arm-bar.

Her subsequent opponent pulled out due to injury.

Smith trains three times a week at the Gracie Barra Academy, Birmingham, with instructor Nathan Roberts and five-time world champion Professor Braulio Estima.

She also trains at Stourport-uk-kickboxing and is a junior instructor there with Brian Smith.

Brazilian jui-jitsu has some similarities to judo but more of an emphasis on groundwork.

Smith aims to retain the titles and try for the European crown.

Kelly eyes title and goes close

A HAGLEY golfer went close to winning the Worcestershire & Herefordshire county championship.

Ciara Kelly got all the way to the final before losing out to Lucy Walton.

Kelly, aged 14, took her 12-year-old rival to the 19th hole at Redditch before Walton took the title.

Walton may well be the youngest county champion in the country, pipping the likes of Hertfordshire's Ella Ofstedahl and Wiltshire's Hannah Turland, who won in 2011 and 2008 respectively when each was 13.

Six-handicapper Walton (The Worcestershire) and Kelly (Hagley) are both members of an England Golf Birdies training squad.

Walton comes from a sporting family – her father Peter coaches England's under-18 rugby team. Her mother Di and brother Jack are both hockey players.

New track would be 'dream ticket' – skipper

DUDLEY HEATHENS skipper Adam Roynon has backed the club in their bid for a new track in the borough.

Roynon, who has been in stunning form this season, admits he is likely to be ruled out of next season's plans for the club as he will be ineligible for the National League.

But he admits he would be tempted to return should the former Cradley club realise their dream of racing at a higher level in a new stadium which is planned alongside Gornal Athletic FC at Castle Hill.

He said: "I have ambition to progress up to the highest level and the dream ticket would be if Dudley had a new stadium in

Dudley Heathens

time for next season to ride in the Premier League, but I realise that's too soon.

"If this is to be my last season with the club then I'd love it if we could win everything in the National League. We have a super team, everyone is pulling together and helping each other and it's really enjoyable.

"We have the chance to win the National Shield against Mildenhall next Tuesday at Wolverhampton and we're in the semi-finals of the Knockout Cup against the Isle of Wight. The league is the big one and we all want to push hard to achieve big things."

Team boss Will Pottinger says his side will need to be at their best when they face the Fen Tigers at their adopted Monmore Green home next Tuesday.

They're just a point behind going into the second leg after a brave display in Suffolk.

Said Pottinger: "It would be wonderful for us to retain the National Shield but it's obvious Mildenhall are going to be up there challenging for honours this season.

"The club is buzzing after last week. We announced that our greatest ever rider, Erik Gundersen, will be visiting Dudley in July and we won at King's Lynn. There has been a lot of publicity surrounding the plans for

the new stadium and it would be nice if we could add some silverware."

Meanwhile tickets are selling fast for the evening with Gundersen at the Venue Conference and Banqueting Suite in Dudley on July 20. The triple world champion will be making the trip from his Danish home and half the capacity has already been sold.

General admission tickets are available at £10 with the event starting at 8.30pm.

Tickets can be purchased at www.dudleyheathens.co.uk or by sending a cheque payable to HSSC, 2 Caernarvon Way, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2TR. For more details, contact HSSC on 07766 745681.

Batsmen suffering as Himley struggle

Birmingham League

HIMLEY fell to a six-wicket defeat at Gorway against Walsall.

The winners are heading the pack giving chase to Wolverhampton at the top of the Premier Division.

Himley's recent struggles with the bat continued as they were rolled out for 102. Greg Wright (23) and Nathan Round (22) were the only batsmen to offer any resistance as Ben McFarlane took 5-27 for the hosts.

Christiaan Jonker (38) and Paul Byrne (26 not out) guided Walsall home to a score of 103-4.

Wombourne were knocked off top spot in Division One after a 42-run reverse at Coventry NW.

Coventry made 202 and Wombourne were dismissed for 160 despite 60 from skipper Liam Hughes.

Halesowen claimed the winning draw from their Division Two clash with Fordhouses. Hassan Quumi scored 66 in Halesowen's 212-7.

Fordhouses replied with 162-6 – Matthew Jeavons took 3-44.

Nicki says no to Monmore deal

TRIPLE world speedway champion Nicki Pedersen has turned down a short-term deal at Wolves.

The club asset was contacted after Tai Woffinden broke a bone in his wrist.

But team boss Peter Adams said: "He doesn't want to do it. He is hovering near the top of the Grand Prix. He rides in Sweden and Poland, and accommodating this is just a bridge too far."

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LEADERS MAINTAIN PERFECT RUN – JUST

Lichfield (5pts) 165, Stourbridge (20pts) 166-8.
Stourbridge win by two wickets

STOURBRIDGE firsts maintained their 100 per cent record in Birmingham & District Division Three by beating Lichfield – but only just.

Stour retained their hold on top spot, but could have made their first slip-up of the season against Lichfield in the climax of a match curtailed to 90 overs in total. Skipper Richard Bradley won the toss and decided to bowl in murky, damp and cold conditions.

But Lichfield opens Dean Price and Jonathan Bassett-Graham set off to a flying start.

Price sent Matt Bradley's fourth and fifth deliveries for the maximum on the leg-side boundary.

Bradley's first two overs cost 19 runs, but he then reeled off three maidens.

Lichfield moved rapidly on to 34 off eight overs. Against the balance of play Jitesh Patel, bowling in tandem with Bradley, took the prized wicket of Price, caught and bowled for 34 off 28 balls.

Control

Dave Jones, replacing Bradley, had Bassett-Graham caught at mid-on for 17 in the 17th over with the score on 62.

Patel's tidy bowling helped Stour to wrest back control of the run rate, and he made his second breakthrough when dismissing Mathew Wookey lbw for 10 in the 24th over with the score on 80.

No.4 Adam Braddock and Joe Seager held the Lichfield innings together, putting on 33 in seven overs.

But Bradley, back for his second spell, managed to break the partnership by having Seager caught at mid-on for seven.

The run out of Braddock for 55 then saw Lichfield's promising start fade. James

Stourbridge Cricket Club

Sarginson went for five to Matt Bradley, Richard Bradley taking his fourth catch of the innings.

A knock of 18 towards the end of the innings from Tom Stone took the score to 165-8 off 45 overs.

Patel's 2-37 off 14 overs kept Lichfield's batsmen in check and Stour in the game.

But Lichfield did not have too long to wait for their first success when Stourbridge replied.

James Sarginson took the wicket of Alex Bingham, caught for 12 in the eighth over.

At the other end James Wilkinson struck twice to get rid of Matt Bradley and Josh Banks to leave Stour three down for 44 in the 17th over.

Bingham, Bradley and Banks, were all back in the warmth of the pavilion and the home side were back in business.

However, skipper Richard Bradley and Andy Alexander put together a gritty partnership of 40 before the latter fell for 35 to James Sarginson.

Bradley and Steve Game took their side to 151 and within sight of victory by building a partnership of 67.

Bradley, on 36, tried to steer James Liddiard for a

single on the on side and was bowled.

Three wickets then fell in consecutive overs, including that of Game who was lbw to Tom Stone for 35.

Wicketkeeper Greg Jones and spinner Mikes Patel had 12 balls in which to score 11 runs with just two wickets standing amid growing tension.

The pair scampered three singles and Jones landed two boundary blows to see Stour home with just five balls to spare.

Stourbridge face Tamworth in their next match, which may be their toughest task yet in their return to the Birmingham League.

Stourbridge 111, Ombersley 113-3. Ombersley win by seven wickets

Stourbridge seconds were beaten at home after losing the toss and being put in.

Stour were bowled out for 111 off 43 overs, despite the efforts of skipper Keith Jones (33) and Jordan Brookes (42).

Mark Meacham took 4-32 off 14 overs and accounted for Jones and Brookes among his victims.

Ombersley's Ryan Tongue (46) and Daniel Collins (21) helped their side to trot up to the winning line in a seven-wicket victory.

Aston helps out Froch title bid



Dudley boxer Ryan Aston, left, poses with former world champion Carl Froch after helping him spar for his world title bout this Saturday. Story – Page 43

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